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November Luncheon Blasts Off



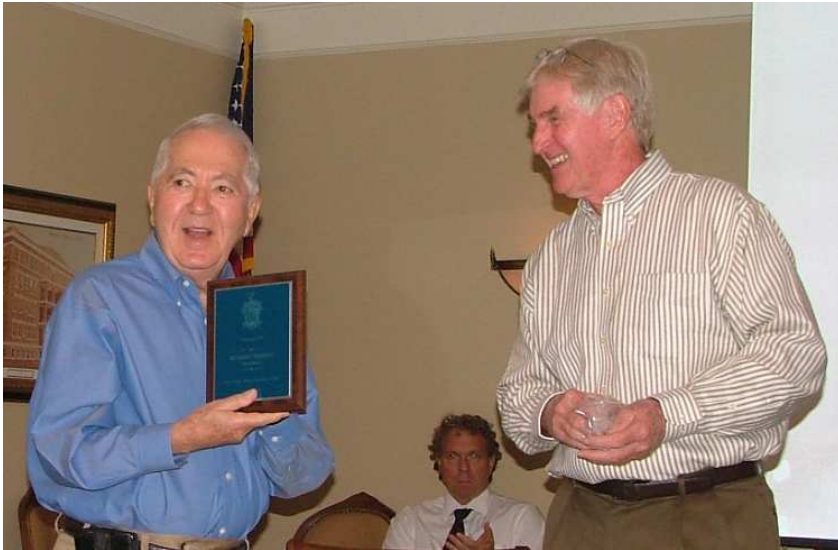
Dr. Russell Romanella, Director of the International Space Station (ISS) and Spacecraft Processing Directorate, NASA was our guest speaker at our November luncheon. Dr. Romanella had an extremely interesting presentation, including some of the most amazing photographs from space I've seen.

He spoke on NASA's mission, background information on NASA, the space shuttle, and the ISS. NASA's budget is \$18 billion, which is about 1/2 of 1 percent of the federal budget. NASA employs around 17,000 people.

The space shuttle program is about to end. It has been used for the last several years in support of building the ISS. When complete, the Space Station will be 199 feet long, with a wing span of 361 feet and will contain 34,000 cubic feet of pressurized space. Dr. Romanella talked about some of the possible successors to the space shuttle.

Rusty Richardson, President of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation, was also at the luncheon. Rusty gave a quick overview of the foundation, including noting this past year the foundation has awarded more than \$250k in scholarships, 300k donated hours, and \$300k in leadership programs. The foundation is currently working on a new \$16.2 million fund raising campaign. The focus on future awards is based on a "whole man" concept. In addition to academic scholarships, the awards will also include leadership and ethics training.





Award for a Job Well Done

At the November luncheon, current president Walt Currie presented past club president Robert Serros with a plaque honoring Bob for his hard work serving the club as president the past few years.

Membership Renewals

Since the last newsletter, brothers Britt Simms (Florida '53) and Bobby Duncan (Florida '58) have renewed

their memberships, bringing our total paid membership for the 2009-10 year to 42. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so today.

Friday, December 4th @ 5:30PM - University Club

This holiday dinner event is taking the place of our normal Tuesday luncheon for December. Suzie DeBusk will be our guest speaker. Suzie has been on several African safaris and will be sharing her experiences and photos. **You must RSVP to this event by Nov 27th!** The RSVP form was included in a prior newsletter, or it can be found online at the club website: www.CentralFloridaPhi.com Guests are encouraged for this event. The cost is \$40 per person. Don't miss out on this dinner. RSVP today!



Remember we are doing a Toys for Tots collection at the dinner, so bring at least one (preferably more) new, unwrapped toy to donate.

As of this printing, the following brothers have RSVP'ed for the dinner: Bobby Duncan, Robert Hughes, John Pattillo, Greg Rhodes, James Robinson, Sandy Sanders, Joe Simonds, David Tucker, and John Webb.

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